

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Kouta NAGANO et al.

Application No.: 10/519,175

Filed: December 20, 2004

For: Method for Manufacturing
Semiconductor Device

Confirmation No.: 5251

Examiner: Monica D. Harrison

Art Unit: 2813

Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 17, 2007, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute claims 24-27 as Species II. In addition, counsel encloses herewith an Amendment to change the dependency of claims 18-23 to depend from claim 24, and based upon this amendment requests that these additional claims also be included in Species II for examination.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303.

Respectfully submitted,



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